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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.98(d), no copies of the cited references are enclosed since the references were provided in the parent application, U.S. Serial No. 10/326,178.

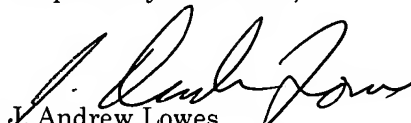
It is requested that the Examiner fully consider the cited references and that they be cited on the front of any patent issuing from this application.

An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Respectfully submitted,

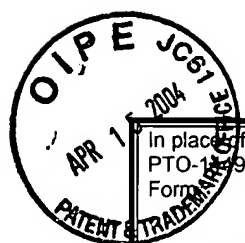

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